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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS"

1. THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAS INITIATED A REVIEW OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHICH HELP WORKERS AND FIRMS ADJUST TO CHANGING PATTERNS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REVIEW, GAO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE: A.) THE BASIC APPROACH TO ASSISTING FIRMS AND WORKERS ADJUST TO CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE; B.) PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING SPECIFIC FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE; C.) TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AND THE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE; D.) EFFECTIVENESS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON AFFECTED INDUSTRIES AND THE
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ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

3. IN ADDITION, GAO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH FOLLOWING GOC OFFICIALS: A.) J. R. SCOPICK, DEPT. OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE, OTTAWA; B.) GORDON MCCAFFREY, DEPT. OF LABOR, OTTAWA; C.) T.E. ARMSTRONG, DEPT. OF LABOR, TORONTO; D.) GILLES LA PORTE, DEPT. OF LABOR, QUEBEC.

4. GAO TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY WALTER C. HERMANN, JR.,
MANAGER, DETROIT REGIONAL OFFICE. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY MESSRS. ROBERT ROGERS, PAUL ZACHARIAS, NORMAN PSENSKI,
AND MS. VIRGINIA COWLES. MESSRS. HERMANN AND SENSKI
HOLD CURRENT TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES. MESSRS.
ROGERS, ZACHARIAS AND MS. COWLES HOLD CURRENT SECRET
SECURITY CLEARANCES.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH GAO IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934 AND 2 FAM 137.
QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING THE COURSE OF THE
REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

6. GAO TEAM ITINERARY FOLLOWS: MAR. 21-APRIL 1, OTTAWA;
APRIL 4-8, TORONTO; APRIL 18-21, QUEBEC; APRIL 22, OTTAWA
FOR EXIT CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR. HOTEL RESERVATIONS
HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR TEAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE
SCHEDULE. GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN
OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE
ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF
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